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ABE ATTELL'S WIFE HELD FOR BOND THEFT

Two More Swear Virginia Major Shot Down Yank

OFFICER FIRED INTO BACK OF MESSENGER IN BATTLE, CLAIM

Watson Lays New Charges Before Senate Committee for Immediate Investigation.

ACCUSERS WILLING TO COME

Five Richmond Men Were Witnesses to Killing, Informant States.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 31.—

William E. St. John, who was a first-class private with Company L, One Hundred and Sixteenth Infantry, in France, has made affidavit here that on October 9, 1918, he saw Major Hiram L. Opie, of Staunton, shoot a courier, from whose body, he said, he saw him take a message and place it in his own pocket.

Two Others Saw Killing.

The affidavit says that two other soldiers, one from Pulaski, Va., and one from Lawrence, Mass., witnessed the alleged shooting.

St. John swears that his company was in skirmish formation when Major Opie and five men from the intelligence section were between the second and third lines of the Third battalion. He thinks the runner was from the Section battalion or the battalion occupying the front line trenches and that he was detailed to take a message to divisional headquarters.

He says he crossed the second and third lines trenches of the Second battalion and the first and second line of the Third battalion. As he passed Major Opie, who was with a portion of the intelligence section in the rear of the second line of the Third battalion, Major Opie halted him. He didn't stop the affidavit continues, and Major Opie pulled his revolver and shot him in the back.

Says He Was Close to Shooting.

St. John says he was within ten paces of the shooting. He says he saw Major Opie take the orders from the courier's body and place them in his pocket. The courier's body was not moved, St. John states.

New Evidence on Opie Given.

By International News Service. The investigation by Senator Tom Watson (D.), of Georgia, of a report that five Richmond, Va., men could testify that they saw Lieut. Col. H. L. Opie, of Staunton, Va., kill one or more of his own men in France produced results yesterday. Watson received a telegram from Charles W. Fox, 1528 Floyd avenue, Richmond, Va., who declared he saw Opie kill a messenger.

His telegram reads:

"As per your request I wish to state that I was standing within half a block of where Major Opie was standing in the Argonne forest, north of Verdun, when I saw a private, one of the liaison men, approach Major Opie and deliver a message. This man was in the drive which started October 8. It was either October 8 or 9, I am not positive about the date.

"The private turned to leave and Major Opie drew his automatic from his holster and shot the man in the back. The man fell dead. The other men standing near me saw the killing. One of them was Sergt. Charles Hane, of New Jersey. He turned and asked me if I saw it. I said I did. "I am absolutely sure of what I am saying and am willing to make it a matter of record."

Dawson Takes Indoor Tennis Championship

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Edgar F. Dawson, of Fordham Preparatory School, New York, won the annual junior national indoor tennis championship here today when he defeated Morton Bernstein, of the Harlem Tennis Club, New York, in five sets, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-10, and 6-4.

Death Chair For Burglars Urged By Police Chief

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 31. FOLLOWING a period of lawlessness, during which murders and burglaries have been frequent, Police Chief Beavers, of Atlanta, today advocated passage of a law in Georgia making death the penalty for burglary or highway robbery.

Life imprisonment, he declared, should be the least penalty.

Policemen were ordered today to devote a stipulated portion of their time to pistol target practice under instruction of sergeants.

LUTHER BURBANK HAS NEW YEAR PLANT LIFE

Vegetation Wizard Promises Surprises in Flora for 1922.

By WILLIAM G. CAYCE, International News Service.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Dec. 31.—The New Year will mark a new era in the life of Luther Burbank, internationally renowned plant wizard, in the development of new horticultural creations if his hopes for 1922 materialize as he expects.

Just what these new introductions, as he calls them, will be, he does not care to divulge at this time.

Despite the fact that he will be seventy-three years old next March, Mr. Burbank spends many hours daily in his garden but admits he is getting old and cannot stand too much work in wet soil. "Before 1922 is over I should be able to announce many new creations," said the horticulturist. "I have collectors in nearly every foreign land gathering specimens for me and obviously hope to gain some results from them. The best specimens come from Spanish countries, such as Central and South America."

During the past twelve months the famous agriculturist has developed several new specimens, such as the tomato pepper, a new walnut, a new flax, a new sunflower, large in size and with white seed; a new strawberry, several new gladioli and other flowers, a new amaranthus, many new varieties of palm grasses and shade trees, and also new plums.

When he is absolutely sure of his new creations, Mr. Burbank says, he will announce them, but not until he has them to perfection.

"The disarmament conference at Washington is doing a vast amount of good for the world in an educational way, if nothing is accomplished," was his statement when asked about the conference.

London-Bagdad Air Mail Is Operating Regularly

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The first direct London-Bagdad air mail left London on December 15, reaching its destination eleven days later, it is officially announced by the general postoffice today. The plane was delayed by bad weather.

The second mail plane departed for Bagdad on Thursday. Another will leave January 12. A regular service is now established.

Bagdad is in the new kingdom of Irak, formerly Mesopotamia. The direct airline distance from this city to Bagdad is 2,600 miles.

Cartridges Wrapped in Letters Threaten Officials

MANCHESTER, Ga., Dec. 31.—Threatening letters have been received by Mayor Davis J. G. Evans, councilman, I. N. Johnson, editor of a newspaper, and J. H. Montgomery, a merchant. Each letter was left on the porch of the recipient's home and each was wrapped around a revolver cartridge.

Each man was accused of being a "seab" sympathizer in the strike in cotton mills now in progress here. Each was given fifteen days to leave the city.

FARMERS WILL HOLD NATIONAL MEETING JAN. 23

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace Arranges Program for Conference in D. C.

RAILROAD MEN ARE INVITED

Arrangements Will Be Submitted to President Harding. Transportation Big Issue.

By International News Service.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace has tentatively set January 23 as the date for convening President Harding's national conference on agriculture, it was learned last night.

The program now being prepared for the conference is understood to contemplate a discussion of (1) transportation, (2) farm credits, and (3) co-operative marketing.

Beginning of Co-operation.

In addition to these subjects, Wallace plans a constructive program for the future with a view to redeeming and stabilizing American agriculture. The Secretary and President Harding. It was stated, intend that the forthcoming conference will be only the beginning of a continuing active co-operation between the Government and the farmers which will grow in importance and effectiveness from year to year.

It was pointed out that it has been the complaint of agricultural States for many months that excessive railroad rates are hurting the farming industry. Fruit men of California contend that they cannot compete with imported fruits because of the rates to the Eastern seaboard. Cattlemen of the Southwest charge that they have been forced into bankruptcy by high freight charges, and a similar cry has gone up from producers of corn and grain in the Middle West.

Rail Men, In Parley.

It will be proposed when the conference opens that the farmers and railroad men get together for a discussion of this state of affairs with a view to securing a definite and permanent agreement on a transportation policy as it affects the farmers' interests.

Receivers Named For Baltimore Bankers

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 31.—In the United States court here today Judge Rose adjudicated bankrupts Archer, Harvey & Co., well-known stock brokers. George Carter was appointed receiver under bond of \$10,000. Willis E. Myers was named as referee in bankruptcy.

Although the papers in the case show claims aggregating \$45,000 in cash, besides stocks and bonds, which are mentioned, it is said in financial circles that the firm is involved to a very large extent. The exact financial situation of the firm will not be known, however, until accountants employed by the receiver complete their investigation of the books.

Receiver Appointed For Brokerage Firm

DETROIT, Dec. 31.—John McNeil Burns, acting for a group of creditors of the local branch of E. W. Wagner & Co., appeared in Federal court today and asked that a receiver be appointed for the brokerage firm. Judge Arthur Tuttle immediately appointed Ralph C. Paul receiver, and he took possession of the company's offices.

Recommend Nine Millions For Enforcing Dry Law

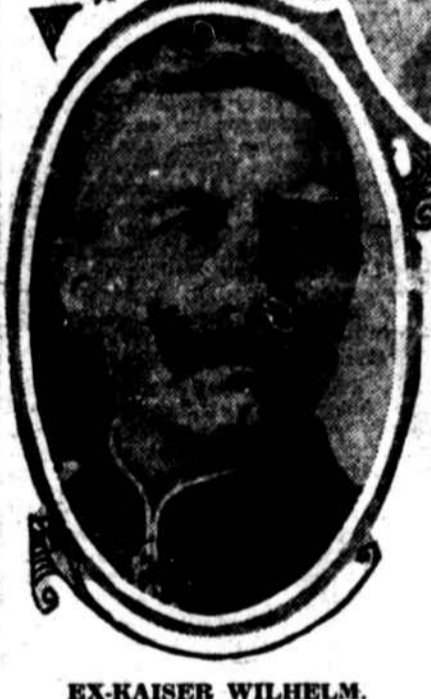
Approximately \$9,000,000 will be allowed the prohibition bureau for enforcement of the prohibition law during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1922, under a decision reached yesterday by the House Appropriations Committee.

WILL THEY WED?

Frau von Rochow, who is reported from Berlin to be the ex-Kaiser's fiancée, is the widow of a Colonel of the Danzig Hussars. She was recently at Doorn, in Holland, where the ex-Kaiser is.



FRAU VON ROCHOW.



EX-KAISER WILHELM.

Guardsmen Face Trial For Lynching in Alabama

BESSEMER, Ala., Dec. 31.—Ergt. Robert Lancaster and eight other National guardsmen left here today in charge of a deputy sheriff for Hamilton, Ala., where they will be arraigned Monday on charges of murder growing out of the lynching of Will Baird, a miner, during the strike of coal miners in November, 1920. The men have been confined in the county jail here for almost a year.

Baird was lynched after he was alleged to have shot and killed a sentry on duty in the strike area, following the killing of Baird's father-in-law, also a miner, during a clash between miners and guardsmen near Jasper, Ala.

Ohio Operators Refuse To Confer With Miners

CLEVELAND, Dec. 31.—Pittsburgh vein coal operators, controlling the Eastern Ohio coal field, in session here today, formally rejected the invitation by President John L. Lewis, of the United Mine workers, to meet in Pittsburgh January 6 to take up matters preliminary to the negotiation of a new wage scale effective April 1, when the present agreement in the Central competitive field, embracing Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, expires.

The operators declared that "in view of the situation which has developed" they feel that nothing can be accomplished.

Flames Destroy Church And Oust Hotel Guests

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Fire destroyed the church of Zion and St. Timothy, on Fifty-seventh street, today, and caused 100 persons to make a hurried exit from the Hotel Clifton, adjoining. The hotel was filled with smoke.

Pastor Scores Laxity of Morals in Fairmont

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 31.—The Rev. Dr. John C. Broomfield, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Temple, says public morals are increasing in laxity here to such an extent that, "if some of the stuff already pulled off by the younger set is any criterion, then the community can expect doings that will make Belshazzar's feast look tame."

Dr. Broomfield says this condition of affairs is deplorable in view of the fact that it obtains hardly ten months after 8,879 persons "hit the trail" for the Rev. Billy Sunday in this community.

Still Refuses to Believe That the Earth Is Round

CHARDON, Ohio, Dec. 31.—It will take more than Christopher Columbus and his discovery of America to prove to Joseph Hershberger that the earth is round.

Hershberger has been raising corn and cabbage and a family on his little flat earth. And he refuses to send his two sons to the public schools, where they will be told haystacks are upside down half the time and the chimneys are held to the roofs by gravity.

Chiropractors Plan Institute at Norfolk

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 31.—A national chiropractic institute, to be used and owned by chiropractors throughout the country, will be erected at Virginia Beach, near Cape Henry, and on the Norfolk Southern electric line, according to announcement made by Dr. Harry R. Bybee, who will be at the head of the new institution, with a staff of twenty-five chiropractors. The plans for the building and grounds of this sanatorium call for one of the largest institutions of its kind in the South.

Wm. E. Krebs, Louisiana Newspaper Editor, Dies

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—William E. Krebs, recognized as one of the best editors in Louisiana and for years editor and director of the Lake Charles American Press, died here today. He formerly was a newspaper man in Zanesville, Ohio, and was editor of the Shreveport Times in 1917.

BRITISH VESSEL, STRANDED, HELD AS RUM-RUNNER

Coast Guard in North Carolina Seize Schooner Messenger of Peace.

CREW IS MADE PRISONER

Cargo of Liquor Discovered When Relief Is Sent to Craft on Bar.

By International News Service.

The British schooner Messenger of Peace, with a cargo of liquor, was seized by coast guard authorities after the vessel stranded on Ocracoke bar, N. C., according to a report to the customs division of the Treasury Department yesterday from the coast guard station at Elizabeth City, N. C.

Reports of the seizing of the vessel and the members of her crew were meager, but it was indicated coast guard authorities went to the relief of the schooner and found after they had floated the craft that there was a large quantity of liquor aboard.

The schooner has been reported to Prohibition Director Kohloss at Raleigh, N. C., and to the collector of customs, at Washington, N. C.

50 Bootleggers Fight Police in New York to Seize Liquor on Ships

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Fifty bootleggers wearing bogus customs officers' badges were put to rout today when they attempted to raid two liquor laden vessels docked in the East river.

Five Government agents and police took part in the battle, which raged along the waterfront for more than an hour. Many shots were fired on both sides.

In the first fight, which took place on the United Fruit line steamship Tivives, one man was seen to jump overboard. He is believed to have drowned.

Just as the raid was frustrated, the agents were called to the steamship Mexico, of the Ward line, which bootleggers had boarded. When routed, they took refuge in a nearby restaurant. The agents and police broke into the restaurant and clubbed members of the gang, but all escaped.

Recent rise in the price of liquor from \$8 to \$20 a quart, and the proximity of the New Year celebrations, is believed to have prompted the bootleggers to make their daring attempts.

6,000 Miles Alone at 5, Girl Orphan's Long Trip

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31.—Having traveled over 6,000 miles, a five-year-old orphan named Sheila Bates arrived at Liverpool from New York in the liner Cedric, happy in the possession of several gifts from her adult fellow passengers.

She had come alone from Los Angeles. During the latter part of the ocean trip she was presented with an autograph album containing entries from the commander, passengers and crew of the Cedric, wishing her well in her future home with an aunt at Wallasey.

She was met at Liverpool by her aunt and a representative of the Travelers' Aid Society, which had assisted her at various points on her long journey.

Caesarean Triplets Born, First on Record

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Triplets—two boys and a girl—have been born by means of the Caesarean operation at a Twickenham nursing home. This was the first case of triplets at Twickenham for thirty years.

Root Contrasts Submarine Issue With Prohibition

By International News Service.

THE arms conference now knows where Elihu Root, member of the American delegation, stands on two important questions—submarines and prohibition.

The distinguished international lawyer has made his attitude clear in defending before the conference his resolution for outlawing the submarine as a commerce destroyer. Explaining that the resolution had purposely been made general because only a general prohibition could be effective, he likened the situation to that prevailing in the United States.

"In this case," he said, "if they tried to make the prohibition in detail it would be impossible to enforce them, and so it is impossible to have a glass of wine at dinner because it is necessary to have broad prohibition to prevent a lot of poor fellows from getting drunk on bad whiskey."

SIX POWERS CONFER ON PACIFIC CABLES

Understood to Have Given Their Formal Approval to Yap Settlement.

By International News Service.

Pacific cable matters, including the disposition of the former German cables, were discussed for nearly two hours yesterday by representatives of the six powers most directly concerned—the United States, Great Britain, Japan, France, Italy and Holland.

It is understood that the powers formally approved the cable settlement effected between the United States and Japan as regards Yap, under which the Yap-Shanghai cable is to be controlled by Japan, and the Yap-Guam cable controlled by the United States.

Holland advanced her claims to control of the Yap-Mindoro cable, and Great Britain, it is understood, requested special consideration for the Eastern Telegraph and Cable Company, a British concern.

It is understood that no definite agreements were reached and that another meeting will be held later.

Fishing Party of 1910 Ends in Divorce Court

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—They were fishing. The lines—four of 'em—got tangled. Mrs. Eugene E. Johnson told the judge that while her mother and sister strove to untangle the lines, her husband tried to solve the snarl by striking her. That was at Wooster Lake, Wis., in 1910.

In 1918 he deserted her, she said. She was granted a divorce and a settlement of \$17,500.

Tugs Towing Disabled Freighter to Detroit

DETROIT, Dec. 31.—The lake freighter Clyde, laden with sugar, bound from Philadelphia to Chicago, was being towed into Detroit harbor by tugs this afternoon after being aground on Bar Point, near Boblang Island, south of this city for twenty-four hours. The crew of eighteen is reported in no danger.

Other lake vessels caught in the sixty-mile gale sweeping the lakes also are reported to have reached safety.

New York Is Quite Gay Despite "Pa" Volstead

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—More excitement prevailed along what is left of New York's great White Way tonight than that ancient institution had witnessed in several days.

\$1,500,000 MAIL BOND THEFT IS UNCOVERED BY N. Y. ARRESTS

Looting Occurred Last July Between N. Y. and Washington P. O., Agents Say.

FEDERAL MEN HOLD THREE

Accused Woman Declares She Purchased Stolen Security From Actor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—News of a \$1,500,000 bond theft from the mails here last July became public today through the arrest of Mrs. Abe Attell, former wife of the former pugilist of that name, and two men, who gave the names of Sam Gold and Harry Cohen.

Mrs. Attell is charged with attempting to pass altered Government bonds and the two men are accused of conspiracy.

The roundup is said to have grown out of the inspection of a \$500 bond left by a woman alleged to be Mrs. Attell, with a delicatessen storekeeper for collection. The arrests were made by postal inspectors, assisted by members of the bomb squad.

Detectives said Mrs. Attell told them she had purchased the bond from an actor for \$300. The theft, all news of which had been suppressed until today, took place between here and Washington. The stolen bonds were a part of a shipment from the Federal Reserve Bank here to the Treasury Department at Washington.

Many of the bonds had been stamped "paid." This mark, the police charge, had been cleverly erased and many of the bonds passed.

Jacob Orget, the delicatessen storekeeper, with whom the bond was deposited, sent it to a bank. Officials of the bank became suspicious of the bond and called in postal officials. The bond was quickly traced and established as a part of the shipment which was stolen in July. The arrests of Mrs. Mrs. Attell and Cohen and Gold followed quickly. The two men gave their occupations as salesmen.

Many Bonds Destroyed.

Postal officials said a great many of the stolen bonds had been cancelled with a perforator. These, it is presumed, were destroyed. The ones that were cancelled with a rubber stamp were passed after the word "paid" had been removed by means of chemicals.

Mrs. Attell told inspectors she divorced the former featherweight champion several years ago in California. She was living here when arrested under the name of Ethel Bruce.

Abe Attell, husband of the woman arrested today, was for eight years the world's featherweight boxing champion. Last fall and summer he obtained nation-wide attention when his name was prominently linked with the Chicago White Sox baseball scandal.

It was alleged that Attell was the man who left large sums of money under the pillows of certain players, with the understanding that they would throw the world series games to the Cincinnati Reds.

Although the players were brought to trial and acquitted in Chicago, Attell never faced a jury. When rumors of indictments in connection with the baseball scandal were first heard, the ex-champion pugilist fled to Montreal. He returned voluntarily for questioning later.

DROP MANAGER PLAN.

FROSTBURG, Md., Dec. 31.—The charter commission of Frostburg has decided to drop the proposition calling for a city manager and retain the old town charter, but several amendments will be suggested to the city council for its approval before the matter is presented to the legislature for approval.